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SY CHANNEL

LONDON AND PARIS FOR RSO, NAIROBI FOR RSS AND DEPT
FOR A/SY/PRS/DD

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: MIDEAST MEETING IN LONDON

REF: LONDON 10539

1. AS YOU KNOW, AMBASSADOR EILTS HAS BEEN ASKED TO
PARTICIPATE IN LONDON CONFERENCE JULY 17-19 AND WILL
BE ARRIVING IN LONDON ON JULY 16.

2. AS RSO UNDERSTANDS, LONDON TALKS POSE SERIOUS
SECURITY PROBLEMS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED
WITH SCOTLAND YARD. RSO LONDON SHOULD BE AWARE THAT
AMBASSADOR EILTS HAS FOR SOME TWO YEARS HAD A HARD
THREAT AGAINST HIM PERSONALLY IN VIEW OF HIS ACTIVITIES
IN PROMOTING DIRECT EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI CONTACTS. RSO
MUST ASSUME, THEREFORE, THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S PRESENCE
IN LONDON, ALONG WITH OTHER DELEGATES, MEANS HIGHER
LEVEL EXPOSURE TO POTENTIAL THREAT.

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3. AMBASSADOR HAS FOR SOME TIME HAD SY PROTECTIVE
DETAIL ASSIGNED TO HIM HERE IN CAIRO AND AGENTS HAVE
REGULARLY ACCOMPANIED HIM ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL ABROAD.
SA'S WILLIAM ELDERBAUM AND RICHARD WATTS WILL ACCOMPANY
HIM TO LONDON AND BACK. IN VIEW OF SITUATION SET FORTH
PARA 2 ABOVE, RSO CAIRO ASKS THAT RSO LONDON SOLICIT

BRITISH AUTHORIZATION FOR SA'S TO BE ARMED WHILE IN LONDON. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, PLEASE ADVISE WHAT ALTERNATIVE SECURITY MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN FOR DELEGATES.

4. PLEASE ADVISE IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS NEEDED. TRAVEL ITINERARY WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN FIRM. EILTS

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